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Masaaki ITO

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PROCESSING METHOD AND
INFORMATION RECORDING
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In reply to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003, please amend the
application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments are presented beginning on page 2 of this paper.

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STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103(c)

The present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,417,854 were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, commonly owned by Kabushiki Kaisha Sega Enterprises. The Reel/Frame data associated with the Recordation of Assignment for the present application is 011389/0077. The Reel/Frame data associated with U.S. Patent No. 6,417,854 is 009971/0038.

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated September 15, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 6-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,417,854 to Isowaki et al. ("Isowaki") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,217,445 to Inoue et al. ("Inoue") and U.S. Patent No. 6,141,025 to Oka et al. ("Oka"). Claims 1 and 6-12 are currently pending in the application.

Regarding the § 103(a) rejection of claims 1 and 6-12, Applicant respectfully submit that Isowaki is not available as prior art against the present application for the following reasons.

35 U.S.C. §103(c) provides:

Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claim invention were, at the time of the invention, was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

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